

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—After taking into consideration all the relevant facts and circumstances in the case, he came to that conclusion.

Mr K. M. Ibrahim.—That is as vague as vagueness itself.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—May I know, Sir, whether the original debtor or the purchaser of the property of that debtor was the petitioner?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have not got that information.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Is there any objection to set aside the sale on the ground of material irregularity?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—None that the Government are aware of.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Here is a specific instance where the circular is dis-obeyed. On what ground is that circular being dis-obeyed?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There is no circular that in no case properties should be sold in cases where some money has been deposited. Each case has to be decided on its own merits. Further, there is the allegation that waste was being committed by the owner of the property.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—That is always the case.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The court definitely found that the security was altogether inadequate and the court exercised its judicial discretion.

Mr. President.—I cannot allow a discussion of this nature.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is not a question of questioning the judgment of that officer. The question is whether the circular of the Chief Court has been dis-obeyed or not.

Mr. President.—The circular has not been dis-obeyed. It is a matter of opinion. Questions arising out of decisions arrived at by properly-constituted courts ought not to be subject-matters of discussion in the legislature. It is very improper.

Barathapuzha bridge—repairs to.

116. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. if they are aware of the dilapidated condition of the planks put upon the bridge of the Bharatha river and the consequent dangers the heavy traffic on it, is subject to;

2. what amount of expenses have been incurred in maintaining the bridge after it has been handed over to the Government by the Railway authorities;

3. whether the Government has any intention of replacing the wooden planks by concrete slabs and thus make it a pucca bridge;

4. if the Government is aware of the present condition of the bridge during dark nights with no lighting facilities after the Railway authorities handed over the same to the Government; and if so, if they do intend to continue putting up two or three gas lights on the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Damaged planks and sleepers are being replaced.

2. Rs. 2,841—13—0.

3. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

4. There are two ordinary lights at present. Arrangements have been made for putting up two petromax lights.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon.—With reference to answer to (3) when can you arrive at a final settlement?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I have submitted an estimate for taking up the bridge work in concrete and the estimate is under the consideration of the Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— ഈ രണ്ടു വിളക്കുകൾക്കും കൂടി എത്ര വിലയുണ്ടായിരിയ്ക്കും?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—These are ordinary types of lights, like the Municipal lights or Panchayat lights.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— ആ പാലത്തിന് എത്ര വലിപ്പമുണ്ട്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1,000 ft. long. I think it is not at all necessary to light bridges. It is only in the case of railway-bridges that they have some lights. They had some lights over this bridge and we are keeping them. Ordinarily we do not light up any bridge at all.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി. — ആ പാലത്തിന്മേൽകൂടി മൂട്ടകത്തിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു വല്ല നിബന്ധനയുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On wooden bridges it is not safe to have lighted torches. You have to use ordinary hurricane-lanterns,

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— വിളക്കില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിതിക്ക് ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു വെളിച്ചം വേണമല്ലോ. ചുട്ട കത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നടന്നാൽ വാച്ചു മാൻമാർ തടയും. അതുകൊണ്ട് വെളിച്ചം കിട്ടുവാൻവേണ്ടി എന്തെങ്കിലും ചെയ്യാൻ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For that purpose we have already got two lights there and now we are going to have petromax.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— When did the matter engage the attention of the Government first?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I brought it to the notice of the Government early this year that it will be advisable to have concrete decking for the bridge.

Manali river—Marathakara diversion scheme.

117. Mr. P. J. Alexander.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken with regard to the Marathakara diversion of the Manali (മാണലി) river contemplated in the Gazette Notification, dated 4th Karkadagam 1105?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Marathakara diversion of the Manali river has been, subsequently, abandoned. The Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the Diwan's Proceedings R. Dis. 7464/07, dated 6th January, 1933, published on Page 366, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 1st Makaram 1108.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the object of this scheme to divert the river water from the Manali river?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this scheme abandoned before the new diversion of the Karuvannur river is made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Karuvannoor scheme has given some relief to the agriculturists. Do not the Government think that this Marathakara diversion scheme will also give some relief to the agriculturists of those places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government has considered the various aspects and they do not think it necessary.